operated by five star hotels/other reputed agencies to ensure supply of hygenic food. Airport upgradation/development being an on-going process, efforts are made continuously to improve the standard of facilities/services. Information regarding the observations in respect of Customs is being collected, and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Purchase of aircrafts from Airbus

3647. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any deal of purchase of aircrafts from Airbus by Government has been challenged in any court of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of the case;

(c) whether Indian Airlines is going to purchase new aircrafts from the same company which is *sub-judice*; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. PLI No. CWP 564 of 2000 has been filed by Dr. B.L. Wadehra before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. It has been, *inter-alia*, prayed in the petition to expedit CBI's investigation into the 1986 purchase decision by Indian Airlines of 19 Airbus A-320 aircraft. The matter is still *sub-judice*.

(c) and (d) Acquisition of aircraft is done through a laid down procedure which includes Techno-economic evaluation of the various types of aircraft *vis-a-vis* operational needs. The final decision is taken with due approval of the Government. At present no final decision has been taken regarding purchase of new aircraft by Indian Airlines.